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1. WE HAD HOPED THAT BY NOW THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS TO ALLOW US TO
PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED TRAINING AT CLARK AB OF
SINGAPORE AIR FORCE A-4 PILOTS.

2. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN THE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE
PAST MONTHS BUT KEY OPERATIONAL ISSUES REMAIN TO BE
WORKED OUT. RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED IN
THE A-4 TRAINING PROGRAM, WE CANNOT ESCAPE THE HARD
COLD FACT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AT CLARK (OR SUBIC)
OF A PROGRAM UNDER THE TERMS DESIRED BY THE GOP COULD

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DANGEROUSLY COMPLICATE OUR CONTINUING NEGOTIATING EFFORTS
TO PRESERVE PRIMARY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY OTHERWISE, WE JUST
DO NOT SEE THAT WE HAVE YET MADE ENOUGH PROGRESS IN THE
NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PROCEED WITH THE A-4 TRAINING
PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT WE CANNOT GO ON FOREVER THIS WAY
WITH THE GOS, THERE IS CLEARLY A NEED TO DEVELOP SOME
SORT OF GAME PLAN IF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS DOES CONTINUE
TO STRETCH OUT. TOUSSAINT

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